

**QA-624**  
**Lemuel Thompson House**  
**1729 Little Creek Road**  
**Chester vicinity**  
**Queen Anne's County**

**Constructed circa 1930s**  
**Private**

Located near the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, the one-and-one-half-story, three-bay Lemuel Thompson House at 1729 Little Creek Road was constructed in the early 1930s by Lemuel Thompson, a boat carpenter. It is situated between Little Creek Road and a boatyard on Little Creek. The dwelling was built on land sold to Thompson by Elmer Golt, who had farmed the property since 1917. In the mid-twentieth century, Elmer and his son Roy Golt subdivided their farm on the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, creating a suburban-form residential area that included commercial enterprises such as boatyards and a marina. The Lemuel Thompson House illustrates modest dwellings constructed in the 1930s by and for working class Kent Islanders involved in the maritime and agricultural industries. The front-gable dwelling features a symmetrical façade, with its centered door sheltered by a front-gable hood with carved wood brackets.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-624

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Lemuel Thompson House (preferred)

### 2. Location

street and number 1729 Little Creek Road not for publication

city, town Chester, MD 21619-2738 ☒ vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lemuel A. Thompson, III and Roswitha Thompson

street and number 1108 Cox Neck Road telephone

city, town Chester state MD zip code 21619-2240

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 1541 folio 379

city, town Centreville tax map 64 tax parcel 135 tax ID number 04-057910

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Total
			0

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

### Summary

Located near the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, the one-and-one-half-story, three-bay Lemuel Thompson House at 1729 Little Creek Road stands on the south side of road between the road and a boatyard on Little Creek. The front-gable dwelling features a symmetrical façade, with its centered door sheltered by a front-gable hood with carved wood brackets.

### Description

The Lemuel Thompson House at 1729 Little Creek Road is situated on a one-half-acre, level lot located between the road and a boatyard along Little Creek. Set back from the road approximately twenty-five feet, the house stands within a grassy front yard with two mature trees placed symmetrically in front, and shrubs are planted along the front (north) foundation. Level gravel areas surround the house on the east, south and west sides, and boats from the boatyard are located immediately to the south of the house.

The one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, front-gable house rests on a foundation that is covered with standing seam metal. The house is clad in asbestos shingles. Its gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has a wood fascia without a soffit. On the façade (north elevation), a front-gable hood with carved wood brackets shelters the centered front entrance and brick stoop.

The symmetrical, three-bay façade (north elevation) incorporates paired, one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows with metal storm windows to the east and west of a centered front door. The nine-light-over-two-panel wood door and the windows are surrounded by narrow, square-edged, wood trim. Metal awnings surmount the windows. A two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash window is centered in the gable.

On the east elevation, the north three bays contain paired, one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows; the south bay has a single window that matches the other bays. The five-bay west elevation features an octagonal, single-pane, wood window in the center bay. Single windows like that in the south bay of the east elevation flank the octagonal window. The northernmost bay contains a paired window similar to those on the façade. Three ganged windows occupy the southernmost bay. The south elevation was not visible due to limited access to the property.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates early 1930s

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

### Statement of Significance

The one-and-one-half-story house at 1729 Little Creek Road was constructed in the early 1930s by Lemuel Thompson, a boat carpenter. It was built on land sold to Thompson by Elmer Golt, who had farmed the property since 1917. In the mid-twentieth century, Elmer and his son Roy Golt subdivided their farm on the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, creating a suburban-form residential area that included commercial enterprises such as boatyards and a marina. The Lemuel Thompson House illustrates modest dwellings constructed in the 1930s by and for working class Kent Islanders involved in the maritime and agricultural industries.

### Narrative

In the nineteenth century, the land where the Lemuel Thompson House now stands was part of Broad Creek Farm, which occupied the south end of Crab Alley Neck between Crab Alley Creek and Little Creek. In 1917, Elmer Golt, a Kent Island farmer, purchased 102 acres of Broad Creek Farm, including the site of the house at 1729 Little Creek Road.<sup>1</sup> Golt farmed the property over the next two decades, occasionally selling small parcels of the farm in the 1920s and 1930s. In 1932, Elmer Golt sold a one-half-acre parcel on Little Creek Road to Lemuel and Annie Thompson who built the house currently standing on the lot. In 1930, Lemuel Thompson worked as a boat carpenter, and rented a house on Kent Island somewhere near the southern end of Crab Alley Neck.<sup>2</sup> He probably began constructing the house on Little Creek Road soon after he and his wife purchased the property. As a boat carpenter by trade, Thompson may have constructed the dwelling himself. The location of the lot would have been convenient to boatyards located on Crab Alley Neck, where Thompson would have worked building and repairing boats.

The subdivision of the Golt farm continued after Elmer Golt's death. His son, Roy, who bought the farm from the other heirs, continued to farm the land, and also continued the piecemeal subdivision of the property.<sup>3</sup> He sold individual house lots in 1946, 1952, 1958, and 1966. In 1955, he platted a larger subdivision of his land, creating 22 house lots along Crab Alley Creek.<sup>4</sup> He extended the subdivision with four more house lots in 1965, and in 1968 he sold two larger parcels.<sup>5</sup> Individual subdividers, like Elmer and Roy Golt, were the earliest type of suburban developer.<sup>6</sup> The U.S. Department of Commerce's 1928 *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act* defined subdivision as "the division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two or more lots, plats, sites, or other

<sup>1</sup> See Chain of Title, Continuation Sheet 8-2, for this and all subsequent deed references for this property.

<sup>2</sup> In 1930, Thompson was located in the same enumeration district as Elmer Golt. 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Fourth Election District, Kent Island, Enumeration District No. 18-8, Sheet No. 6B.

<sup>3</sup> In the 1930 census, 33-year-old Roy Golt is described as a farm laborer, presumably assisting his father in running the farm. 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Fourth Election District, Kent Island, Enumeration District No. 18-8, Sheet No. 1A.

<sup>4</sup> Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber TSP 24, Folio 68 (16 September 1955).

<sup>5</sup> Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber CWC 16, Folio 600 (11 August 1965). Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber CWC 39, Folio 191 (6 November 1968).

<sup>6</sup> David L. Ames and Linda Flint McClelland, *National Register Bulletin: Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, 2002), p. 26.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Advisory Committee on City Planning and Zoning of the U.S. Department of Commerce. *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1928.

Ames, David L. and Linda Flint McClelland. *National Register Bulletin: Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, 2002.

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U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 1930.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.50 acres

Acreage of historical setting 102 acres

Quadrangle name Kent Island

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 64, grid 8, parcel 135 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale or of building development.”<sup>7</sup> The process of land subdivision for the purpose of selling the parcels is the apparatus by which suburban development occurs.<sup>8</sup> Individual subdividers acquired or inherited land, platted lots and roads, and sometimes included improvements of the site such as utilities, sidewalks, and storm-water drains. The subdivider’s role ended with the sale of the lot to a buyer.<sup>9</sup> The subdivision of the Roy Golt farm in the decades after World War II illustrates the nationwide postwar housing boom, the concurrent decrease in farmland, and the increase in suburban-style housing developments that occurred both in Queen Anne’s County and nationwide after the war.

The house and lot remain in Thompson family ownership. When Annie Thompson died in 1992, her children inherited the property. In 1994, they sold it to Lemuel Thompson, III, who also owns a boatyard between Little Creek Road and Little Creek.

<sup>7</sup> The *Standard City Planning Enabling Act* was a model legislation document prepared for the use of local jurisdictions. Advisory Committee on City Planning and Zoning of the U.S. Department of Commerce, *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1928), p. 6.

<sup>8</sup> Ames and McClelland, p. 26.

<sup>9</sup> Ames and McClelland identify the different types of suburban developers as subdividers, home-builders, community builders, operative builders, and merchant builders, from earliest to most recent. Over the course of the twentieth century, the developer evolved from the individual subdivider, like Roy Golt, to home building corporations that developed entire neighborhoods or towns, like The Rouse Company, developer of Columbia, Md., in the late 1960s. Ames and McClelland, pp. 26-29.

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### Chain of Title

#### **6 April 2006**

*Grantor:* Lemuel A. Thompson, III

*Grantee:* Lemuel A., III and Roswitha Thompson

Liber SM 1541, Folio 379

"... containing about one half of an acre of land, more or less."

#### **5 July 2001**

*Grantor:* Lemuel A., III and Teresa Thompson

*Grantee:* Lemuel A. Thompson, III

Liber SM 834, Folio 735

"Whereas, this conveyance is the result of a transfer between spouses in accordance with a property settlement . . ."

Parcel No. 5: "... containing about one half of an acre of land, more or less."

#### **29 December 1994**

*Grantor:* Lemuel A. Thompson, Jr., Shirley Merle Young, Calvert E. Thompson, Marvin E. Thompson, Jr., and Kathryn S. Thompson  
(personal representative of the estate of William J. Thompson)

*Grantee:* Lemuel A., III and Teresa A. Thompson

Liber SM 484, Folio 398

"... containing about one half of an acre of land, more or less."

#### **5 May 1994**

*Grantor:* Lemuel A. Thompson, Jr. (personal representative of estate of Annie Inez Thompson)

*Grantee:* Lemuel A. Thompson, Jr., Shirley Merle Young, William J. Thompson, Calvert E. Thompson, and Marvin E. Thompson, Jr.

Liber MWM 463, Folio 136

Deed of Distribution

"... containing about one half of an acre of land, more or less."

#### **29 July 1932**

*Grantor:* Elmer Golt

*Grantee:* Lemuel A. and Annie I. Thompson

Liber BHT 15, Folio 109

"... containing about one half of an acre of land, more or less . . ."

#### **8 January 1917**

*Grantor:* Mary E.C. McCready

*Grantee:* Elmer Golt

Liber WFW 10, Folio 103

"... being the farm known as part of Broad Creek which was devised to the said Mary C. E. McCready née Wright, by the will of James Wright, being dated the sixth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy seven and recorded in Liber W.A.J. No. 1, folio 342 etc a will record book for said Queen Anne's County."

102 acres



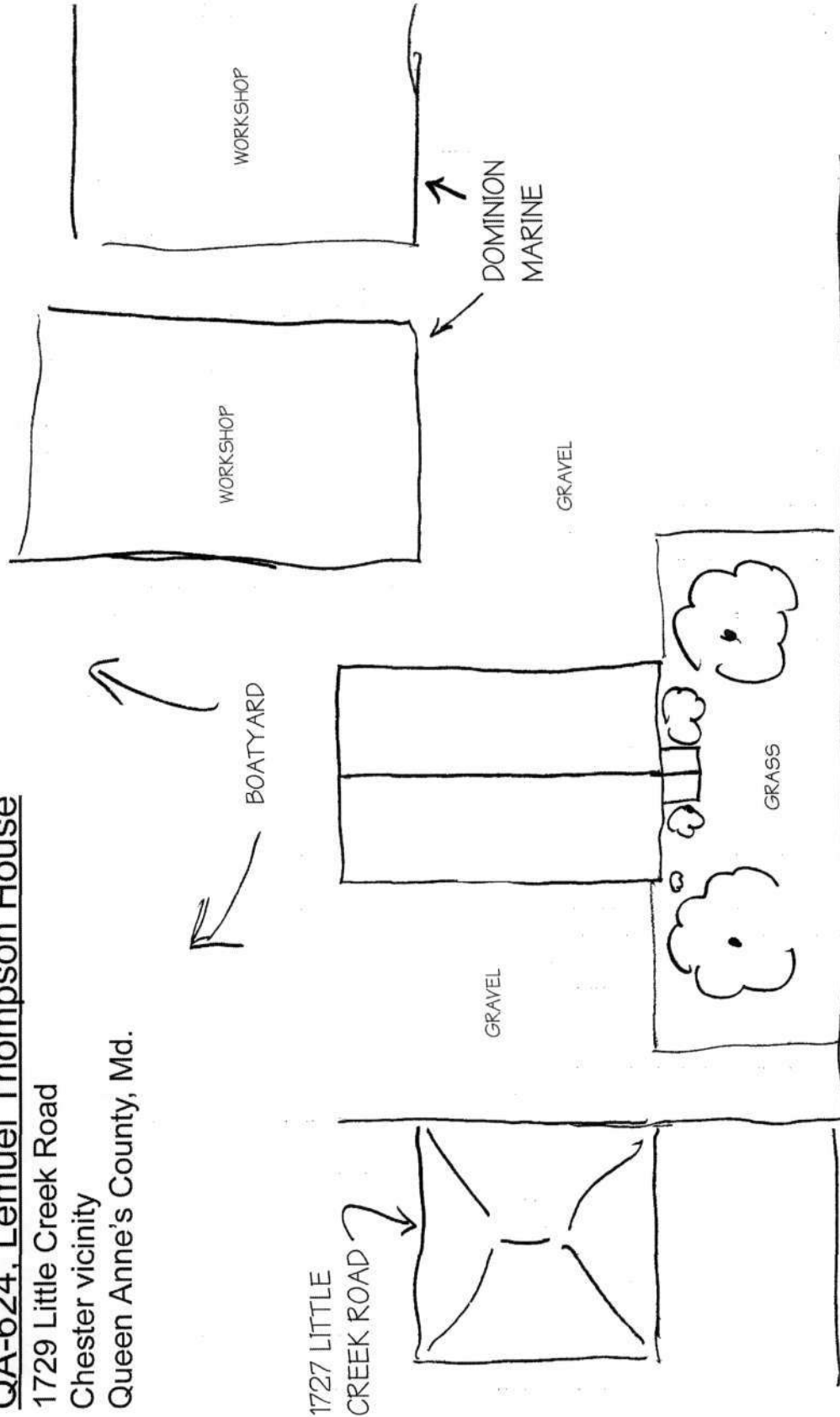
# Site Plan

QA-624, Lemuel Thompson House

1729 Little Creek Road

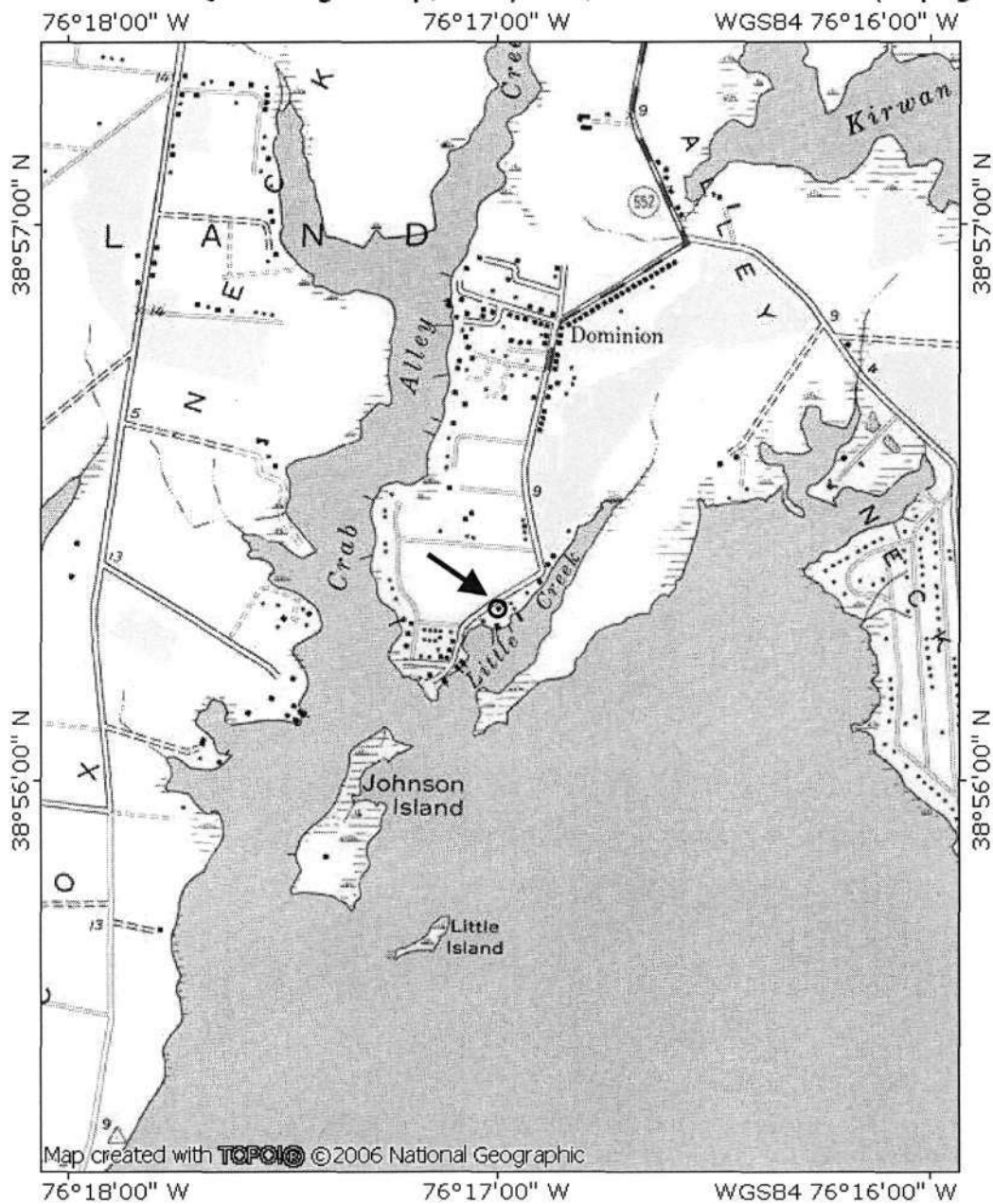
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USGS Kent Island Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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North elevation (facade)

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